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Alfred Bronaugh Taylor, A Beadle Author

by Albert Johannsen

Again a bit of information from the manuscript of my forthcoming (I hope) Supplement to the HOUSE OF BEADLE AND ADAMS, seems called for. Owners of those volumes should substitute the following for the last four lines of the text of Column 1, page 267, volume II.

Late research has shown that Captain Alfred Bronaugh Taylor was a real person. He was born in Washington, D. C., about 1843, the son of Rear-Admiral W. R. Taylor. Little aside from his military services is known about him. At the age of 19, May 28, 1862, he enrolled in Baltimore, Maryland, for three months as a private in Company H, 22d Regiment, New York State Militia, and was mustered out with the company and honorably discharged September 5, 1862, in New York City. He again enlisted June 29, 1863, in Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged November 12, 1863, as a private, Troop K, 5th Regiment of Cavalry, to enable him to accept a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the same regiment, to take effect October 31, 1863. On September 12, 1864, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He took part in the operations at Mine Run, served during the winter of 1863-1864 near Mitchell's Station, and, the following spring, was in action on the Rapidan, Charlottesville, Stannardsville and Morton's Ford. From March 24, 1864, to the end of the war, he was on escort duty with



Albert Johannsen
(From a recent photograph)

General Grant, and was brevetted Captain, April 9, 1865, for gallant conduct in actions at Richmond, Petersburg, and in Surrey County.

After the war he was promoted to Captain, June 22, 1869. He joined his company at Fort McPherson, Nebraska, August 25, 1869, and was in action against the Indians on the Re-

publican River and Prairie Log Creek, Kansas. He was transferred to Camp Grant, Arizona, in January, 1872, and served through the Apache campaign of 1872-73. He was stationed at Fort Lyon, Colorado, in 1875-76, and at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, in 1876. He was also in the Sioux uprising at Chadron Creek, Nebraska, and in action at Powder River and Bates Creek at the end of that year. Owing to the hardships of the winter campaign, his health forced him to relinquish the command of his company at Red Cloud Agency in December, 1876, and he was almost continually on sick leave until April, 1879, when he retired from active service.

For a couple of years he was engaged in business and literary pursuits in New York City, and then for a year traveled in Europe, returning to New York in October, 1882. He died in Washington, D. C., December 16, 1903.*

* The above sketch is a condensation of information received from the Adjutant General, by Col. Don Russell and transmitted to me May 20, 1951, and combined with data on his military services given in "Across the Continent with the Fifth Cavalry," by Captain George F. Price, New York, 1883, 494. See also Francis B. Heitman: "Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army," Washington, D. C., Vol. I, 1903, 945.

Two stories about Buffalo Bill as a boy appeared originally in "Half-Dime Library," Nos. 191 and 194, with the by-line "Captain Alfred B. Taylor, U.S.A." This name was long considered a pseudonym of Colonel Prentiss Ingraham, for the stories were reprinted in the "Pocket Library," Nos. 103 and 165, under his name, and internal evidence seemed to indicate that he was actually the author. However, Henry Stinemetts of Los Angeles, a rider and roper with Cody's Wild West Show in the early 1900s, wrote me (May 25, 1947) that he met Captain Taylor for the first time in 1887. The next year when Captain Taylor visited the Patrick Brothers' ranch near Fremont, Nebraska, he told the eleven year old boy who was living there at that time, and who owned Half-Dime Libraries Nos. 191 and 194 that he had actually written them, and cheerfully autographed these copies.

We thus have on the one hand the reprinting of these two stories with Prentiss Ingraham's name in the by-line, suggesting that he used the name of the real Captain Taylor as a pen name, as he did those of Omohundro and Dr. Powell, and on the other Taylor's own statement to Stinemetts, which must be given considerable weight, for unless Captain Taylor was having a bit of fun with the eleven-year old boy when he claimed to be the author, his authorship must be accepted as a fact.

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IN AND OUT OF BOOKS

by William Du Bois

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Another footnote on Horatio Alger Jr., now we're speaking of remembrance of things past:

Last week, browsing in one of the Concord Bookstores, we were mildly surprised to find that a number of Alger titles are still available in paperback editions. (Need we add that nearly all the buyers nowadays are boys of 50?) No trend in the making, however—as this letter from adman Ralph D. Gardner will prove:

"I have a collection of rare old books by Horatio Alger," Mr. Gardner writes. "It includes many duplicates I am anxious to give away, providing only that they go to someone genuinely interested in having them. Sometime ago, Meyer Berger mentioned this in his column 'About New York'—and I had a number of inquiries from quite a few folks, to whom I sent one or more books. I favored individuals who either had a craving to read one—or collectors searching for a title I was able to supply. * * * A number of people who 'had a few old Algers up in the attic' also sent them to ME—asking that I give them away, along with my own duplicates.

"I'm not interested in selling any of my duplicates, though some are moderately valuable. I'd consider swapping for Alger titles I don't have. * * * To put it bluntly, if I don't give these fine old books away, my wife threatens to throw them out."

(From the New York Times
Book Review)

THIS IS THE WEST

THIS IS THE WEST, reviewed in its paperback edition in November Dime Novel Round-Up, has been published by Rand McNally & Company of Chicago in an illustrated cloth-bound edition (and I mean cloth-bound), that is not only the permanent kind of book a collector of Western Americana will want for his

bookshelf but is most pleasing to the eye. Especially with all those fine illustrations; you seldom or never come across so many in a book nowadays unless it is a picture book with little or no text.

I've already reviewed some of the contents; take Don Russell's article, "The Scouts"—it is illustrated by two appropriate Frederic Remington pictures, "Government Scouts" and "A Friendly Scout (Indian) Signaling the Main Column." Interest in Stanley Vestal's "The Soldiers" is heightened by Remington's "Forsyth's Fight on the Republican River, 1868 — the Charge of Roman Nose" and a picture from the Century Magazine, "Fort Laramie in 1849." Homer Croy's "They Built the Saga," which makes considerable mention of Buffalo Bill dime novels, has a full-page reproduction of an old-time Western scene, "Hunting Buffaloes." Nor is this the only full-page picture, and there are even a couple of double-page spreads, one by Frederic Remington and the other by Charles M. Russell.

THIS IS THE WEST is an all-star show, as a glance at the writers' names should reveal to anyone interested in Western Americana. And it tells the story of not one locality or group of pioneers on the Old Frontier but everyone, everywhere in the West who took part in the vast movement to settle it up. The price of this deluxe edition is \$6.00, and, take my word for it, well worth it. Here is the factual stuff on which so many of your favorite dime novels were founded.

—ED LEITHEAD.

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NEWSY NEWS

by Ralph F. Cummings
Fisherville, Mass.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Another month is gone and Thanksgiving will be gone by the time you get this number, also Christmas most likely too. How time does fly!

Who says Deadwood Dick Library isn't worth anything? Charles E. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt., had No. 35—Deadwood Dick of Deadwood, pub. by M. J. Ivers & Co., N. Y., 1890 for \$4.50, written by Edward L. Wheeler. Some price, wow!

Who has "Merriwell Series #7 and 20 (Not Burt L. Standish Library). Ye editor of this news column can use them.

Don Russell writes me that at this date, Nov. 9th, he is writing with one hand, as the other night he says a sash cord broke and dropped a window on 2 fingers of his left hand. He never knew a window could come down that hard. Did you say anything when it did, Don?? I'll bet! Hope you come around all O.K. from it Pard.

Albert Johannsen, Box 566, Winter Park, Florida, is preparing an Index of the titles of all the songs published in the 125 songbooks issued at various times by Beadle. In order to put the titles in alphabetical order, it is necessary that he have lists from all the books. He lacks only those in the following:

Grant and Colfax Spread Eagle Songster (c), 1863. It was also advertised as "Songs of the Hour."

Chanticleer Songster, (c) 1863. American Series, No. 3.

Frank Starr's Song Book. No. 1. Archy Hughes Songs.

Beadles Pocket Songsters, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Will any reader of the Round-Up who has a copy of any of these booklets please communicate with Dr. Johannsen.

A. W. Egerton of Houston, Texas, says he joined the Happy Hours Brotherhood in 1925 or 1926, so that makes him a member over 30 years. Says he didn't think he missed a

year, but for some reason he isn't in the list of 49 members. Maybe left out by mistake, same with P. J. Moran of Concord, Calif., formerly of Oakland, who joined way back in 1924 or 25, but I can't seem to find it around that date. A. W. Egerton's name is listed under No. 43, Sept.-Oct. 1926. Now let's see what we can find on P. J. Moran? I just found him listed as a new member in the May-June 1927 list, No. 27. So he must of come in along in March or April (see list in Happy Hours Mag, Vol. 3, No. 3, May-June 1927.) That means P. J. M. has been a member for 30 years. Bob Smeltzer who was a member, said friend Moran made up the "Big Four," Ralph P. Smith, Ralph F. Cummings, Rob Smeltzer and P. J. Moran. Sorry I left you fellows out of the list a few months back, pards, I didn't mean to, and if there were any others left out, will you please write me right away, so I can correct same.

Aubrey W. Egerton says the article of Wm. Wallace Cook, by Stanley Pachon in the Sept. Number was swell. Aubrey says he read some where that W. Bert Foster wrote the Motor Stories, but he's not sure, as well as Ted Strong, in Young Rough Rider, be that as it may, they were both good stories. Aubrey is interested in old mags with auto ads in them, before 1915.

Floyd L. Beagle is looking for an authentic history of "Belle Starr," and also "The Daltons," also the depredations and doings of Al Jennings, the Oklahoma Outlaw, who ruled the roost for a long time before capture—he remembers him. Floyd also wants Log Cabin Libraries. Write care of Bendix Aviation Corp., Troy, N. Y. Floyd says Al Jennings is about 93 years old, and lives out in California.

Just think, Dr. Morton S. Enslin only lacks 1 of 117 books written by Horatio Alger. Lucky, I calls it, and I'll bet that one sure is a tough one to find, and that is "Tim Crumps Ward." Keep your fingers crossed, I'm sure you will stumble onto it

somewhere, here's hoping.

We also have another Alger collector, who has just come into the H. H. Bro., Ralph Gardner (Apt. 1023), 91 Central Park West, New York 23, N. Y. Dr. Morton S. Enslin is credited with bringing him in, and I see he is after Algers right and left.

Stanley Pachon also is an ardent Alger collector, has been a long time.

At last I'm back home after galivanting all over creation, but had the chance, so I went down to Cape Cod to see my brother Harold, and my cousin and aunt, and other relations down there, then came back to Fall River to be with Ed LeBlanc a few days. Charles Duprez and his wife were there from Smittstown, L. I., N. Y. We all had a very nice time of it, looking at old timers, and what not. They, Charlie and wife, brought me home, and left the next day for home.

Next Kenneth Daggett was down for 2 or 3 days, and when he left I went with him to Gardiner, Maine. Then Kenneth took me over to see Walter Higgins, and then all three of us went over to Bill Burns at Rockland. They went home after a couple of hours, and I stayed with Bill. Was there from Saturday to Monday morning, Oct. 19 to 21st, then went over to my aunts and uncles in Rockland. Then back to Bill's on the 22nd when I left with his nephew, Earl Ellis for No. Attleboro, Mass. at 12 midnight. Got into No. Attleboro around 9 I believe it was, and took a bus from this town to Providence, had to wait in Providence for nearly 3 hours for the New England Transportation Co.'s bus, and got home around 3 p.m. all tired out—What a bunch of mail there was when I got here.

Oh yes, when Ken Daggett was

down, we went down to see Eli Mesnier on the 16th and they had a heck of a time for an hour or more.

Petter Scollo of Norwood, Mass., was here the 12th for a visit.

Wallace H. Waldrop is placing a nice lot of Science Fiction magazines on display at the local library down in Greenville, S. C. Some of them date back to 1927. There should be quite an interest in them.

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Ethel E. Taylor

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Ralph Adimari says that despite the fact that Ned Buntline was Edward Judson's most famous nom de plume—so much so that most people thought it was his real name, nevertheless Clut Garnet was the first pseudonym he used in his first writing for publication. It appeared in The Knickerbocker Mag (N. Y.) titled "Scenes on the Bohemia Banks, by Clut Garnet for August 1835, when Judson was between 14 and 16 years old. The next contribution was signed Ned Buntline.

Have you seen the Bibliographic listing of the Golden Days, by Donald L. Steinhauer yet? If not, better send Ed LeBlanc \$2.00 for a copy of it, sure is a very fine piece of work, and I'm sure it took Don a long and tedious amount of work to be able to get it together, for it is a job well done, and all Golden Days fans will marvel at the fine piece of work. It is illustrated, and worthy of anyone's collection.

Ralph Smith says he has had some company too. Peter Scollo, Frisco Bert and his squaw, Bill Burns, and Frank Wilson. Ralph was up in New Hampshire and met an old timer—Charles Woodward, remember him?

J. P. Guinon was away on a vacation, but is back at the old stand again.

George Sahr is now 65 and says he will have more time to himself now, and get in some real reading of many of the old timers. When Bill Burns became 65 last spring, he also did reading, and other work around the place. Says after 6 months he was ready to go back to work again, so George, you too will think the same way, too.

Aug. 12th, Rev. Don L. Steinhauer was here for a little while, then I took him down to Eli Messiers. Someday he wants me to go with him down to see our editor, Ed LeBlanc of Fall River.

SPRING TONIC

One day while feeling rather blue
And grumpy, as they say,

A letter in the mail arrived
From one named Charles Duprez.
I broke the seal; put on my specs,
And grinned a little bit;
For well I knew that I should find
At least a yard of wit.
The grin persisted all the way
Through pages one to four,
But on the fifth it broke its bounds,
And burst into a roar.
I clutched my sides; my belly shook,
Now "Ima Tellinye"—
In fact I nearly burst a gut,
His jokes so tickled me.
So, members of the Brotherhood,
When in a dumpy mood
Dig up a letter from our friend—
Soon you'll be feeling good.
—Geo. French

OUR DEAR LITTLE WILLIE

Sent in by Charlie Duprez

When Willie was a little boy,
Not more than 5 or 6,
Right constantly did he annoy
His mother with his tricks,
Yet not a hoot cared I
For what he did or said,
Unless, as happened frequently
Our Willie wet the bed.
Closely he cuddled up to me,
And put his hands in mine,
Till all at once I seemed to be
Afloat in a sea of brine.
Seaborn odors filled the air,
And filled my soul with dread
Yet I could only grin and bear
When Willie wet the bed.
'Tis many times that rascal has
Soaked all the bedclothes through,
Whereat I'd feebly light the gas
And wonder what to do.
Yet there he'd lie, so peaceful like,
God bless his curly head,
I quite forgave the little tyke
For wetting of the bed.
Ah me, those happy days have flown!
My boy's a father too,
And little Willie of his own
Do what he used to do.
And I!—Ah, all that's left of me
Are dreams of pleasure fled!
Our boys ain't what they used to be,
Like when Willie wet the bed.

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